

MISSISSIPPI

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

| REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA) | |
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| APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ § | |
| I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. | |
| 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.) a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ b. SEX c. RACE _____ d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____ M M D D Y Y _____ | |
| 2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.) a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP _____ c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____ _____ | |
| 3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____ M M D D Y Y _____ b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____ c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ d. STATE _____ e. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known) _____ | |
| 4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ | |
| 5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.) _____ | |
| 6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) _____ | |
| 7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.) _____ _____ _____ | |
| 8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions) a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. h. The information on this form is true and complete. i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ j. DATE _____ M M D D Y Y _____ | |
| 9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law) _____ DATE SIGNED _____ M M D D Y Y _____ | |

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your Mississippi voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: "on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station." This address must be different from the one provided in Item 4 and must be within the county or township where you claim legal voting residence.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent - usually your current mailing address. It must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in primary elections. You must indicate your political party affiliation when applying for a primary ballot

(Example: Democrat, Republican) or write "none" in Item 6 of the FPCA. Political party affiliation is not required if only requesting absentee ballots for general or special elections. If you are currently registered and want to change your political party affiliation or you have previously declined to indicate a political party and you now want to vote in a primary election, you should submit a completed FPCA which includes your new political party choice to the local election official not later than 30 days before the election.

E. Check ONE box.

F. You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming the information provided is true and correct. Sign only in the presence of an oath taking official.

G. A notary public, commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, petty officer, consular officer, or other authorized person must complete this section.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Mississippi and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year (local, state and Federal offices).

To register to vote and request an absentee ballot, you must complete the FPCA and return it to the county registrar so that it arrives not later than 30 days before the election.

If you are already registered and only wish to request an absentee ballot, send a completed FPCA to the county registrar any time before the election. However, if you wait until later than 20 days before the election to send your FPCA, you may not receive your ballot in time to vote it and return it on time.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive not later than 5 p.m. the day before the election.

Local election officials mail out absentee ballots approximately 45 days before an election, or as soon as they are printed.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: Must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, petty officer or other person authorized to administer oaths.

Ballot Return Envelope: The affidavit on the absentee ballot return envelope must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, petty officer or other person authorized to administer oaths.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- Mississippi allows you to send the FPCA by fax for voter registration and absentee ballot requests. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- Mississippi allows you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- Mississippi allows you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use only the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527

(703) 693-5527

1-800-368-8683

F. Application for Ballot by Proxy

Another person may request that the county registrar send a state registration affidavit and/or an absentee ballot application to you. Your oral authorization (by telephone) or written authorization may be required.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Mississippi and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Mississippi.

- members of the American Red Cross (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- civilians attached to and serving outside the U.S. with the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine or American Red Cross (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- other residents of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the U.S. (for local, state and Federal office ballots)

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- spouses and dependents of the above (for local, state and Federal office ballots)
- overseas citizens (for local, state and Federal office ballots)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons convicted of certain felonies or declared mentally incompetent by a court may not vote.

B. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of registration or denial is sent.

C. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration should correct the problems noted in the denial. If a second denial is received, consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

D. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to the County Registrar, county of voting residence, as listed below:

| County | County Seat | Zip Code |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Adams | PO Box 1224, Natchez | 39121 |
| Alcorn | PO Box 430, Corinth | 38834 |
| Amite | PO Box 312, Liberty | 39645 |
| Attala | 118 W Washington, Kosciusko | 39090 |
| Benton | PO Box 262, Ashland | 38603 |
| Bolivar | PO Box 670, Cleveland | 38732 |
| Calhoun | PO Box 25, Pittsboro | 38951 |
| Carroll | PO Box 6, Vaiden | 39176 |
| Chickasaw | 1 Pinson Sq. Rd., Room 2, Houston | 38851 |
| Choctaw | PO Box 34, Ackerman | 39735 |
| Claiborne | PO Box 549, Port Gibson | 39150 |
| Clarke | PO Box 216, Quitman | 39355 |
| Clay | PO Box 364, West Point | 39773 |
| Coahoma | PO Box 849, Clarksdale | 38614 |
| Copiah | PO Box 467, Hazlehurst | 39083 |
| Covington | PO Box 667, Collins | 39428 |
| DeSoto | 2535 Hwy. 51 S, Hernando | 38632 |
| Forrest | PO Drawer 992, Hattiesburg | 39403 |
| Franklin | PO Box 267, Meadville | 39653 |
| George | 355 Cox Street, #C, Lucedale | 39452 |
| Greene | PO Box 310, Leakesville | 39451 |
| Grenada | PO Box 1517, Grenada | 38902 |
| Hancock | PO Box 249, Bay Saint Louis | 39520 |
| Harrison | PO Box 998, Gulfport | 39502 |
| Hinds | PO Box 327, Jackson | 39205 |
| Holmes | PO Box 718, Lexington | 39095 |
| Humphreys | PO Box 696, Belzoni | 39038 |
| Issaquena | PO Box 27, Mayersville | 39113 |
| Itawamba | 201 W. Main Street, Fulton | 38843 |
| Jackson | PO Box 998, Pascagoula | 39568 |

| County | County Seat | Zip Code | County | County Seat | Zip Code |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Jasper | PO Box 447, Bay Springs | 39422 | Pike | PO Drawer 31, Magnolia | 39652 |
| Jefferson | PO Box 305, Fayette | 39069 | Pontotoc | PO Box 428, Pontotoc | 38863 |
| Jefferson Davis | PO Box 1082, Prentiss | 39474 | Prentiss | PO Box 727, Booneville | 38829 |
| Jones | PO Box 1336, Laurel | 39441 | Quitman | 230 Chesnut Street, Marks | 38646 |
| Kemper | PO Box 130, De Kalb | 39328 | Rankin | PO Box 1599, Brandon | 39043 |
| Lafayette | County Courthouse, Oxford | 38655 | Scott | PO Box 371, Forest | 39074 |
| Lamar | PO Box 369, Purvis | 39475 | Sharkey | PO Box 218, Rolling Fork | 39159 |
| Lauderdale | PO Box 1005, Meridian | 39302 | Simpson | PO Box 307, Mendenhall | 39114 |
| Lawrence | PO Box 1249, Monticello | 39654 | Smith | PO Box 517, Raleigh | 39153 |
| Leake | PO Box 67, Carthage | 39051 | Stone | 323 Cavers Avenue, Wiggins | 39577 |
| Lee | PO Box 762, Tupelo | 38802 | Sunflower | PO Box 576, Indianola | 38751 |
| Leflore | PO Box 1953, Greenwood | 38935 | Tallahatchie | PO Box 86, Charleston | 38921 |
| Lincoln | PO Box 357, Brookhaven | 39601 | Tate | 201 Ward Street, Senatobia | 38668 |
| Lowndes | PO Box 31, Columbus | 39703 | Tippah | Courthouse, Ripley | 38663 |
| Madison | PO Box 1626, Canton | 39046 | Tishomingo | 1008 Battleground Drive, Iuka | 38852 |
| Marion | 250 Broad Street, #1, Columbia | 39429 | Tunica | PO Box 184, Tunica | 38676 |
| Marshall | PO Box 459, Holly Springs | 38635 | Union | PO Box 298, New Albany | 38652 |
| Monroe | PO Box 843, Aberdeen | 39730 | Walthall | 200 Ball Avenue, Tylertown | 39667 |
| Montgomery | PO Box 765, Winona | 38967 | Warren | PO Box 351, Vicksburg | 39181 |
| Neshoba | 401 E. Beacon, Philadelphia | 39350 | Washington | PO Box 1276, Greenville | 38702 |
| Newton | PO Box 447, Decatur | 39327 | Wayne | PO Box 428, Waynesboro | 39367 |
| Noxubee | PO Box 431, Macon | 39341 | Webster | PO Box 308, Walthall | 39771 |
| Oktibbeha | 101 E Main Street, Starkville | 39759 | Wilkinson | PO Box 327, Woodville | 39669 |
| Panola | PO Box 346, Batesville | 38606 | Winston | PO Box 785, Louisville | 39339 |
| Pearl River | 200 S. Main, Poplarville | 39470 | Yalobusha | PO Box 1431, Water Valley | 38965 |
| Perry | PO Box 198, New Augusta | 39462 | Yazoo | PO Box 108, Yazoo City | 39194 |

The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword. VOTE!

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